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a surface layer which is in the form of a film (14), and joining the said pre-cut film (14) to the other layers (12) to make up a composite film (10), and providing a notch (24) for initiating tearing in the region of the perforations (18, 18'), said packaging (20) being easy to open by means of said tear line.

Please substitute for Claim 16 the following revised version if Claim 16, as amended:

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16. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 14, wherein two lines of perforations (18, 18') are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film (10) on tearing open the packaging (20), and the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Please substitute for Claim 17 the following revised version of Claim 17, as amended:

17. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Please substitute for Claim 18 the following revised version of Claim 18, as amended.

18. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 15, wherein two lines of perforations (18, 18') are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film (10) on tearing open the packaging (20), and the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

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Please substitute for Claim 19 the following revised version of Claim 19,
as amended:

19. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 18, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Please substitute for Claim 21 the following revised version of Claim 21,
as amended:

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21. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 20, wherein two lines of perforations (18, 18') are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film (10) on tearing open the packaging (20), and the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18,18').

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Please substitute for Claim 22 the following revised version of Claim 22,
as amended:

22. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Please substitute for Claim 23 the following revised version of Claim 23,
as amended:

23. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 12, wherein two lines of perforations (18, 18') are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film (10) on tearing open the packaging (20), and the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18,18').

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Please substitute for Claim 24 the following revised version of Claim 24,
as amended:

24. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 23, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

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Please substitute for Claim 25 the following revised version of Claim 25,
as amended:

25. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 13, wherein two lines of perforations (18, 18') are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film (10) on tearing open the packaging (20), and the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Please substitute for Claim 26 the following revised version of Claim 26,
as amended:

26. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 25, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Please substitute for Claim 27 the following revised version of Claim 27,
as amended:

27. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 12, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Please cancel Claim 30.

Please submit for Claim 31 the following revised version of Claim 31, as amended:

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31. (Once Amended) Packaging according to Claim 29, wherein the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Please cancel 32.

Please substitute for Claim 33 the following rewritten version of Claim 33,

as amended:

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33. (Once Amended) Packaging according to Claim 28, wherein the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Please cancel Claim 36.

Please substitute for Claim 37 the following rewritten version of Claim 37,

as amended:

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37. (Once Amended) Packaging according to Claim 35, wherein the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Please insert new Claim 42, as follows:

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42. A packaging (20) comprising two opposed wall members comprising a multi-layer packaging film (10), each wall member having at least one line of perforations (18, 18') that are provided in a plastic surface layer of the packaging (20) and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film (10) upon tearing open the packaging, a notch (24) for initiating tearing in region of the perforations (18, 18'), the packaging (20) being easy to open by means of said tear line.